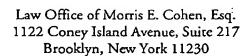
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Transmittal Letter

Enclosed please find a Preliminary Amendment in the above-captioned matter. It is believed that \$222 is due in payment of the fee for the new claims. Authorization is hereby provided to charge this fee, and all other fees that may be required, to Deposit Account No. 50-1604, and it is requested that any overpayments in this application be credited thereto.

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Preliminary Amendment

In the Specification:

On page 15, after line 13 (after the phrase "dishwasher or boiled"), please add the following paragraph:

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-Figures 7 and 8, for example, show a preferred bowl shape for the flexible material of the valve 42. Figures 8(d) and 8(e) show the valve before and after it inverts, with Figure 8(d) showing the valve assembly not in use, with no negative pressure applied, and with Figure 8(e) showing the valve assembly in use, with negative pressure applied to the valve. As shown therein, upon application of negative pressure, the bottom (distal side) of the bowl and the opening in that bottom move away from the blocking element, toward the top (proximal side) of the bowl, and toward the spout, allowing liquid to exit through the opening.—

In the Claims:

Prior to examination, please cancel pending claims 1-30 and enter new claims 31-70 as follows:

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